

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

The following is a listing of claims presently in the application:

Claims 1-25 (canceled)

26. (new) A holder for holding a baton having a grip end, said holder comprising

a first holding member comprising a locking device to open and close a gap in the first holding member;

a second holding member having an opening that has a diameter marginally larger than the diameter of the grip end of the baton;

wherein the distance between the first and second holding members is adjustable; and

wherein the first and second holding members are in the form of separate components.

27. (new) A holder according to claim 26, wherein the locking device comprises a strap and a snap-fastener.

28. (new) A holder according to claim 26, wherein the first holding member comprises a bracket and a strap,

29. (new) A holder according to claim 28, wherein the strap is manufactured from a material that is different from the material of the bracket.

30. (new) A holder according to claim 28, wherein the bracket and strap are manufactured from the same material as one homogenous piece.

31. (new) A holder according to claim 26, wherein the material of the first holding member is a natural or synthetic rubber material.

32. (new) A holder according to claim 26, wherein the material of the first holding member provides a comparatively high frictional contact with the baton compared with the second holding member.

33. (new) A holder according to claim 26, wherein the second holding member is manufactured from a material that, in combination with the selected diameter of the opening, provides a comparatively low frictional contact with the baton compared with the first holding member.

34. (new) A holder according to claim 26, wherein the first holding member is located at a predetermined distance from the second holding member, and wherein said distance is dictated by a passive length of the baton.

35. (new) A holder according to claim 26, wherein the first and second holding members are attached to a member selected from the group consisting of a belt, a strap, and an elongate rigid support.

36. (new) A holder according to claim 35, wherein the belt has a buckle and wherein the first holding member is attached to the belt in close proximity to the buckle, and wherein the second holding member is attached to the belt on the same side of the buckle as the first holding member.

37. (new) A holder according to claim 35, wherein the belt has a buckle and wherein the first holding member is attached to the belt in close proximity to the buckle, and wherein the second holding member is attached to the belt on the opposite side of the buckle as the first holding member.

38. (new) A holder according to claim 35, wherein the rigid support is attached to a user's leg.

39. (new) A holder according to claim 26, wherein the holder is manufactured from an integral part of a garment worn by a user of the holder.

40. (new) A holder according to claim 39, wherein the garment is a waistcoat.

41. (new) A holder according to claim 26, wherein the second holding member is manufactured from a plastic material.

42. (new) A holder according to claim 35, wherein the first and second holding members hold the baton in a position that is mainly parallel to the belt, strap or elongate rigid support.

43. (new) A holder according to claim 26, wherein the first holding member is manufactured from a flexible material.